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SERVICE AREAS OF COLORADO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

1.00 Introduction

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education is charged by statute to define geographic and programmatic service areas for Colorado public institutions of higher education [23-1-109 (2)]. In 1985 consultations with governing board representatives were conducted and, at its meeting in January 1986, the Commission approved specific geographic service areas for each institution and recognized several programmatic distinctions. Revisions were made in May 1987; March 1988; December 1992; September 1994; May 1995; and June 1995.

This document provides precise narrative descriptions of the geographic service areas to augment pictorial representations for all Colorado community colleges and area vocational schools. For all four-year institutions, their service areas are the entire state of Colorado.

When community college and area vocational schools' service areas are discussed the narrative descriptions herein should be used because of their precision. These definitions also should be used or referenced in planning documents concerning these institutions. The listing is alphabetized by institutional title. Community college and area vocational schools' service areas are the geographic areas in which these institutions may offer their regular programs. In some cases an area vocational school is part of a community college and the service areas generally are the same.

2.00 Geographic Service Areas for Community Colleges and Area Vocational Schools

2.01 Adams State College

Adams State College shall provide Resident Instruction two-year academic programs in Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Conejos, and Costilla counties. It shall cooperate with Mesa State College in providing any needed two-year academic programs, coordinated by the central office of The State Colleges in Colorado, in Gunnison and Hinsdale counties.

2.02 Aims Community College

Aims Community College serves Larimer and Weld counties. Its service area for vocational programs is the same and is shared with Front Range Community College/Larimer County Area Vocational/Technical School for vocational programs. Front Range Community College also serves Larimer County.

2.03 Arapahoe Community College

Arapahoe Community College (ACC) serves an area defined by the boundaries below. Its service area for vocational programs is the same.

<u>Western Boundary</u> (from north to south): U.S. Highway 285 intersect at the western border of Jefferson County; and Jefferson County border south, encompassing all of south Jefferson County.

Northern Boundary (from west to east): U.S. Highway 85 to West Quincy Avenue; east on Quincy to South Irving; north on Irving to West Oxford; west on Oxford, following the Fort Logan Mental Health Center boundaries, to South Lowell; north on Lowell to West Hampden Avenue (U.S. 285); east on Hampden to South Federal Boulevard; north on Federal to West Dartmouth Avenue; east on Dartmouth to South Tejon; north on Tejon to Yale Avenue; east on Yale to University Boulevard; south on University to East Hampden Avenue; east on Hampden to I-25, south on I-25 to I-225; northeast on I-225 to South Yosemite Street; south on Yosemite to the intersect of I-25, which approaches Arapahoe Road; and east on Arapahoe Road to Boxelder Creek.

<u>Eastern Boundary</u> (from north to south): Intersect of East Hampden Avenue and I-25; I-25 southeast to I-225; I-225 northeast to South Yosemite; Yosemite south to I-25 intersect, approaching Arapahoe Road; Arapahoe Road east to Boxelder Creek; Boxelder Creek south through Arapahoe County to the Elbert County border; northern Elbert County border west to Douglas County border; and Douglas County border south encompassing all of Douglas County.

<u>Southern Boundary</u> (from west to east): Southern borders of Jefferson and Douglas counties.

Footnote 1 - ACC shall serve the educational needs of Martin Marietta and US West in south Jefferson County; however, Red Rocks Community College is to coordinate educational delivery in other areas of southern Jefferson County with Arapahoe Community College, whenever and wherever possible. It is suggested that written agreements and other communication be developed between the two colleges, with monitoring by the Community College and Occupational Education System.

Footnote 2 - Fort Logan Mental Health Center shall be assigned to the Community College of Denver (CCD). However, ACC shall negotiate with CCD to share in and provide educational opportunities as requested by Ft. Logan officials.

Footnote 3 - Lowry Higher Education Center is located within the service area of the Community College of Aurora (CCA). However, ACC shall negotiate with CCA to share in and provide educational opportunities. The Community College and Occupational Education System will monitor instructional activities.

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Footnote 4 - ACC will be assigned all of Douglas County as part of its service area.

2.04 Arapahoe-Douglas Area Vocational School

Arapahoe-Douglas Area Vocational School serves Arapahoe Community College and the following school districts: Littleton, Cherry Creek, Englewood, Sheridan, Douglas County.

2.05 Colorado Mountain College

Colorado Mountain College serves Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, Lake, Chaffee, Grand and Jackson counties and Routt County school district RE 2. (The section of Routt County school district RE 3 that extends into Eagle County is within the service area of Colorado Northwestern Community College). The College's service area for vocational programs is the same.

2.06 Colorado Northwestern Community College

Colorado Northwestern Community College serves Moffat and Rio Blanco counties and RE 1 and RE 3 school districts of Routt County (the latter extending into a small part of Eagle County). The College's area for vocational programs is the same.

2.07 Community College of Aurora

The Community College of Aurora (CCA) serves an area defined by the boundaries described below. Its service area for vocational programs is the same.

<u>Western Boundary</u> (from north to south): Quebec Street south to Hampden Avenue; west on Hampden to I-25; south on I-25 to I-225; northeast on I-225 to South Yosemite Street; south on Yosemite to the I-225 intersect, which approaches Arapahoe Road.

<u>Northern Boundary</u>: Highway 2 from Quebec Street northeast to the Adams County line and along that line to Boxelder Creek.

<u>Eastern Boundary</u> (from north to south): From Adams County line to Boxelder Creek; south on Boxelder Creek to a point equivalent to Arapahoe Road as it extends east through Arapahoe County to Boxelder Creek.

Southern Boundary (form west to east): Arapahoe Road and a line extending east from Arapahoe Road to Boxelder Creek.

Footnote 1 - CCA has a major responsibility for serving the Lowry Higher Education Center. However, Arapahoe Community College and the Community College of Denver are to share in the educational delivery, clearing requests through CCA with monitoring by the Community College and Occupational Education System.

2.08 Community College of Denver

The Community College of Denver (CCD) serves an area defined by the boundaries described below. Its service area for vocational programs is the same.

Western Boundary: Sheridan Boulevard.

Northern Boundary: Interstate 70.

Eastern Boundary: Quebec Street.

Southern Boundary (from west to east): West Quincy Avenue from Sheridan intersect to South Irving Street; north on Irving to west Oxford; west on Oxford, following Fort Logan Mental Health Center boundaries to South Lowell Boulevard; north on Lowell to U.S. 285 (Hampden); east on U.S. 285 to South Federal Boulevard; north on Federal to West Dartmouth; east on Dartmouth to South Tejon; north on Tejon to Yale Avenue; east on Yale to University Boulevard; south on University to East Hampden Avenue, and east on Hampden to the intersect of Quebec Street. The southern boundary of CCD coincides with the northern boundary of Arapahoe Community College.

Footnote 1 - CCD will operate the Technical Education Center (TEC) located at 62nd and Washington Street in Adams County; the TEC shall be served through the CCD delivery system, although located outside the service area for the college.

Footnote 2 - Lowry Higher Education Center is located within the service area of the Community College of Aurora (CCA). However, CCD shall negotiate with CCA to share in and provide educational opportunities. The Community College and Occupational Education System will monitor instructional activities.

Footnote 3 - The Fort Logan Mental Health Center shall be assigned to CCD. However, Arapahoe Community College shall negotiate with CCD to share in and provide educational opportunities as requested by Fort Logan officials, with monitoring by the Community College and Occupational Education System.

2.09 Delta-Montrose Area Vocational/Technical School

The Delta-Montrose Area Vocational/Technical School serves Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Montrose, and San Miguel counties, Hinsdale school district RE 1, and Gunnison Watershed School District RE 1J in Saguache County.

2.10 Emily Griffith Opportunity School

Emily Griffith Opportunity School serves the city and county of Denver.

2.11 Front Range Community College (Front Range Community College/Larimer County Vocational-Technical Center)

Front Range Community College (FRCC) serves an area defined by the boundaries described below. Its service area for vocational programs is the same. Front Range Community College also holds a service area assignment in Larimer County. Front Range Community College/Larimer County Vocational-Technical Center shares Larimer and Weld counties with Aims Community College for vocational programs.

<u>Western Boundary</u> (from north to south): Western borders of Boulder and Jefferson counties; Jefferson County border south to a point equivalent to 80th Avenue as it extends west to the border; 80th Avenue line east to Wadsworth Boulevard; Wadsworth south to West 66th Avenue; 66th Avenue east to Sheridan Avenue; and Sheridan south to I-70 intersect.

<u>Northern Boundary</u> (from west to east): Boulder County border to Adams County border and north Adams County border to I-76 intersect, reaching the intersection of Adams County border and I-76.

<u>Eastern Boundary</u> (from south to north): Quebec Street from I-70 to Highway 2; northeast on Highway 2 to the Adams County border.

Southern Boundary: Interstate 70.

Footnote 1 - FRCC shall provide services to Brighton, Commerce City, Adams City, major portions of Boulder and Adams counties, and the northern portion of Jefferson County. If FRCC and Red Rocks Community College officials wish to share selected areas of northern Jefferson County, cooperative agreements should be prepared between the colleges. The Community College and Occupational Education System is to be informed of such agreements and shall monitor the cooperative endeavor.

2.12 Lamar Community College

Lamar Community College serves Cheyenne, Kiowa, Prowers, and Baca counties. Its service area for vocational programs is the same.

2.13 Mesa State College

Mesa State College shall provide Resident Instruction two-year academic programs in Mesa, Delta, Montrose, San Miguel and Ouray counties. It shall cooperate with Adams State College in providing any needed two-year academic programs, coordinated by the central office of The State Colleges in Colorado, in Gunnison and Hinsdale counties. The College's service area for vocational programs is Mesa County.

2.14 Morgan Community College

Morgan Community College serves Morgan, Kit Carson, and Lincoln counties. It will share responsibility for serving Washington and Yuma counties with Northeastern Junior College. Morgan Community College's service area also includes eastern Adams and Arapahoe counties extending to Boxelder Creek on the west and encompasses, among others, the communities of Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, and Deer Trail. The College's service area for vocational programs is the same.

2.15 Northeastern Junior College

Northeastern Junior College serves Logan, Sedgwick, and Phillips counties exclusively and shall share the responsibility for serving Washington and Yuma counties with Morgan Community College. Its service area for vocational programs is the same.

2.16 Otero Junior College

Otero Junior College serves Crowley, Otero, and Bent counties. Its service area for vocational programs is the same.

2.17 Pikes Peak Community College

Pikes Peak Community College serves Teller, El Paso, and Elbert counties. Its service area for vocational programs includes Teller, El Paso, and Elbert counties and Kit Carson County School District RE 4J.

2.18 Pueblo Community College

Pueblo Community College serves Pueblo, Fremont, Custer, Dolores, Montezuma, La Plata, San Juan, and Archuleta counties. Its service area for vocational programs includes Pueblo, Fremont, and Custer counties.

2.19 Red Rocks Community College

Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) serves an area defined by the boundaries described below. It service area for vocational programs is the same.

Western Boundary: Western borders of Gilpin, Clear Creek, and Park counties.

Northern Boundary (from west to east): Northern border of Gilpin County; Highway 72 south to a point equivalent to 80th Avenue; 80th Avenue extending east to Wadsworth Boulevard; Wadsworth south to 66th Avenue; and 66th Avenue east to Sheridan Boulevard.

Eastern Boundary (from north to south): Eastern border of Gilpin County to a point equivalent to 80th Avenue; 80th Avenue east to Wadsworth Boulevard; Wadsworth

south to 66th Avenue; 66th east to South Sheridan Boulevard; and Sheridan south to West Quincy Avenue.

<u>Southern Boundary</u> (from west to east): U.S. 285 from Jefferson County border to West Quincy Avenue east to Sheridan Boulevard.

Footnote 1 - Arapahoe Community College (ACC) shall serve the educational needs of Martin Marietta and Mountain Bell in southern Jefferson County; RRCC, however, is to coordinate educational opportunities in southern Jefferson County with ACC whenever and wherever possible. This to include educational requests from Federal Correctional Facility officials. It is suggested that written agreements and other communication be developed between the two colleges, with monitoring by the Community College and Occupational Education System.

Footnote 2 - RRCC will be responsible for providing educational services to Gilpin, Clear Creek, and Park counties and major portions of Jefferson County.

2.20 San Juan Basin Area Vocational/Technical School

The San Juan Basin Area Vocational/Technical School serves Montezuma, La Plata, Dolores, San Juan, and Archuleta counties and Archuleta School District 50JT in Hinsdale County.

2.21 T. H. Pickens Technical Center

The T. H. Pickens Technical Center serves the area defined by the boundaries described below.

<u>Western Boundary</u> (from north to south): Quebec Street south to Hampden Avenue; west on Hampden to I-25; south on I-25 to I-225; northeast on I-225 to South Yosemite Street; south on Yosemite to the I-225 intersect, which approaches Arapahoe Road.

<u>Northern Boundary</u>: Highway 2 from Quebec Street northeast to the Adams County line and along that line to Boxelder Creek.

<u>Eastern Boundary</u> (from north to south): From Adams County line to Boxelder Creek; south on Boxelder Creek to a point equivalent to Arapahoe Road as it extends east through Arapahoe County to Boxelder Creek.

Southern Boundary (from west to east): Arapahoe Road and a line extending east from Arapahoe Road to Boxelder Creek.

2.22 Trinidad State Junior College

Trinidad State Junior College serves Las Animas and Huerfano counties with both academic and vocational programs. Trinidad State Junior College also serves Conejos, Costilla, Alamosa, Rio Grande, Mineral, and Saguache counties with vocational programs. Academic courses required in the vocational certificate and degree programs in those six counties shall be provided by Adams State College. Trinidad State Junior College may offer other courses in those six counties that are not clearly either academic or vocational with the agreement of Adams State College.

In cooperation with the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, the college will continue to extend educational opportunities to northern New Mexico through formal reciprocity arrangements.

3.00 Programmatic Distinctions Recognized By the Commission

Two-year lower division programs currently approved for Mesa State College and Adams State College may be delivered as part of these institutions' resident instruction programs within service areas designated. Vocational-technical instruction and academic instruction at the lower division level shall be offered in separate and distinct service areas.